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SUBJECT: GROMYKO REFERS TO A PALESTINIAN STATE

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1. SUMMARY. GROMYKO'S SPEECH AT DINNER HOSTED BY SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM JANUARY 2 (SUMMARY PRAVDA FEBRUARY 3; TASS ENGLISH WIRE FEBRUARY 2) INCLUDED THE FIRST PUBLIC SOVIET REFERENCE TO THE CREATION OF A PALESTINIAN "STATE". GROMYKO ALSO INDIRECTLY CRITICIZED EGYPT AND THE U.S. END SUMMARY.

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2. PRAVDA'S SUMMARY OF GROMYKO'S SPEECH QUOTES HIM ON PALESTINIANS

AS FOLLOWS: "YOU KNOW, THAT THE SOVIET UNION TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY SPEAKS OUT FOR THE EARLIEST RADICAL SOLUTION OF THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. WE SUPPORT THE DEMANDS OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES CONCERNING THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES FROM ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND CONCERNING THE GUARANTEEING OF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE IN ACCORD WITH THEIR NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS UP TO AND INCLUDING THE CREATION OF THEIR OWN STATE (GOSUDARSTVO)." GROMYKO'S REFERENCE TO A PALESTINIAN STATE TAKES SOVIET FORMULA ON THIS QUESTION ONE STEP BEYOND SOVIETS' USUAL ENDORSEMENT OF FUZZIER FORMULAS RECOGNIZING ONLY THE PALESTINIANS' RIGHT TO A NATIONAL HOME (NATSIONALNIY OCHAG) AND STATEHOOD (GOSUDARSTVENNOST).

3. GROMYKO DID NOTHING TO SPARE THE U.S. IN HIS REMARKS. IN CHARGING THAT ISRAEL BEARS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COMPLEX AND EXPLOSIVE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST HE REFERRED TO "CERTAIN IMPERALIST CIRCLES" BEHIND ISRAEL AND TO THE WILLINGNESS OF ISRAEL AND ITS "PATRONS" FROM TIME TO TIME TO RESORT TO A "POLICY OF BLACKMAIL."

4. AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF SADAT'S RECENT INTERVIEW CAMPAIGN, GROMYKO'S STATMENT THAT THE SOVIET PEOPLE "KNOW HOW TO EVALUATE REAL FRIENDSHIP", TOGETHER WITH HIS PRAISE FOR THE SYRIAN LEADERSHIP IN THIS CONEXT, SEEM AN IMPLICIT SLAP AT SADAT AS WELL AS A WARNING THAT THE SOVIETS' RELATIONSHIP WITH THEIR ARAB PARTNERS DEPENDS ON A DEGREE OF RECIPROCITY. INCIDENTALLY, A LENINGRAD PUBLIC LECTURER JANUARY 26 SAID THAT, THOUGH THE EGYPTIANS WANT MODERN EQUIPMENT, THEY DO NOT AGREE THAT SOME OF IT REQUIRES TRAINED PERSONNEL TO OPERATE --APPARENTLY AN ALLUSION TO THE SOVIET DESIRE TO RETURN ADVISERS TO EGYPT.  
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